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This response is being filed in reply to the Official Action (Final Rejection) dated **December 17, 2002**, issued in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed June 12, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.